	District	Name & Address of the Institutions	Location
23.	Wardha	Matru Seva Sangha Pimpri Megh. Wardha	At Pimpri Megh, Tal. Wardha
24.	Bhandara	Vidyasagar Education Society, Gondiya, Dist. Bhandara.	Katingi Road, Near Nagara Village, Taluka - Gondia.
25.	Chandrapur	Bhartiya Samaj Seva Sangha Mau, Bhivkund, Dist. Chandrapur.	At Bhivkund
26.	Gadchiroli	Adarsha Shikshan Prasarak Madal, Gadchiroli	At Godchiroli

Inclusion of more castes in the common list of OBCs

572. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat have sent a list of more castes/sub-castes for inclusion in the "Common List" of OBCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter is still under consideration; and

(d) if so, by when a decision will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MENEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The request for inclusion/ exclusion of castes in the Central List of OBCs in respect of various States/UTs are entertained, examined and recommended upon by the National Commission for Backward Classes set up under the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993. The request of the Gujarat Govt. in this regard is pending with the Commission and their recommendations in the matter are still awaited. A decision with regard to the inclusion of these castes will be considered only after the receipt of the recommendations of National Commission for Backward Classes in the matter.

गैर-सरकारी संगठनों की सहायता

573. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1997 से 31 दिसम्बर, 1997 तक की अवधि के दौरान गैर-सरकारी संगठनों को कितनी सहायता दी गई;

(ख) विभिन्न राज्यों, विशेषत:, गुजरात को इस अवधि के दौरान दी गई वित्तीय सहायता का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या इनमें से कुछ संगठनों द्वारा इस धनराशि का दुरूपयोग किए जाने के संबंध में कोई शिकायत मिली है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा ऐसे संगठन के विरूद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किये जाने का विचार है?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी) (क) दिनांक 1.4.97 से 31.12.97 तक की अवधि के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में गैर सरकारी संगठनों को कुल 3235.53 लाख रुपए की धनराशि निर्मुक्त की गई थी।

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिये)

(ग) गुजरात में प्रश्नाधीन अवधि के दौरान जिन गैर-सरकारी संगठनों को वित्तीय सहायता दी गई थी उनके बारे में ऐसी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(घ) तथा (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

विवरण

(रुपए लाख में)

क्र॰ सं॰	राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र का नाम	दिनांक 1.4.1997 से 31.12.1997 तक की अवधि के दौरान निर्मुक्त धनराशि
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	505.09
2.	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	51.54
3.	असम	13.30
4.	बिहार	164.51
5.	दिल्ली	186.40
6.	गुजरात	87.37
7.	गोवा	6.01
8.	हरियाणा	91.79
9.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	2.34
10.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	6.98
11.	कर्नाटक	212.17
12.	केरल	167.86
13.	मणिपुर	54.25
14.	मध्य प्रदेश	64.80
15.	महाराष्ट्र	197.86
16.	मिजोरम	40.93
17.	मेघालय	47.50
18.	नागालैंड	21.53
19.	उड़ीसा	148.48
20.	पंजाब	67.56
21.	राजस्थान	131.96
22.	त्रिपुरा	17.92
23.	तमिलनाडु	180.81
24.	उत्तर प्रदेश	389.63
25.	पश्चिम बंगाल	365.80
26.	चंडीगढ़	4.59
27.	पांडिचेरी	6.65
	कुल	3235.53

Schemes for Welfare of OBCs

574. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes introduced by Govern-ment for the welfare of Other Backward Classes;

(b) whether the schemes have been sponsored for welfare of OBCs in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the specific steps taken in that direction in Bihar since introduction of the schemes for welfare of OBCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The only scheme introduced so far for the welfare of OBCs is that of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation which provides for margin money loan and term loan to eligible persons belonging to OBCs at concessional rate of interest for self-employment ventures. The financial assistance is channelised through State Channelising Agencies nominated by the State Governments concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation has sanctioned loan amounting to Rs. 4504.15 lakhs to eligible persons belonging to OBCs in Bihar since 1992-93, out of which the State Corporation has drawn only Rs. 966.64 lakhs so far.

Opening of Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre in AP

575. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of disabled people are increasing;

(b) whether Government will consider opening a new Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether any preliminary work has been done to locate such an institute in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A sample survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 covering four disabilities—visual, hearing speech and locomotor estimated that these are about 16.15 million disabled persons constituting about 1.9% of the total population of the country. As regards mental retardation in a sample survey conducted by NSSO in 1991 for persons in the age group upto 14 years, it was estimated that about 3% suffer from delayed mental development.

(b) to (d) No such proposal is under consideration.